

Johnson Sees Gains In Wakefield Passing

Wakefield's head football coach Dick Johnson, if not already weary from such a concentrated effort to develop a passing attack somewhere along the line, yesterday candidly summed up his feelings with the chance remark that "if we don't have one of the best passing attacks in the State soon now, it'll only be because the players have already graduated."

Johnson was feeling good after seeing his long hours of practice finally paying off with a series of well executed, long and short passes as quarterbacks Henry Mayo and Bill Lady, in addition to halfbacks John Holter, Rickie Schlapkohl, Whitey Edwards, Joe Morris, and others all hit their marks.

Before the season started Johnson and his coaching staff admit-

ted of one major problem; the Warriors' lack of a solid passer from within their ranks. How the Wakefield coaching staff has uncovered its present wealth of passers and receivers can be attributed directly to the Warriors' persevering coaches and a good squad of capable football talent.

Wakefield failed to complete a single pass out of five attempted in last Saturday's game against Annandale, and only completed two out of seven passes the week before good for just 45 net yards gained, but one of these days the Warriors are bound to cut loose from the air.

Dave Mohrhardt who pulled a ligament in his right knee at the beginning of the Annandale contest, is expected to be out of the lineup for at least another three

weeks, according to Johnson. Meanwhile Woody Wood who was hurt earlier in the practice season, is slowly but surely rounding into shape and soon should be ready for his first action of the season.

Asked what his opinions were about this Saturday's coming game against Falls Church High School, Johnson pointed out that both he and assistant coach Bill Edmondson scouted last Friday's Falls Church — Mt. Vernon game and were duly impressed by what they saw.

"Falls Church ought to have us outweighed 12-15 pounds per player on the line, and their boys will be older than ours for the most part, too," Johnson noted soberly.

"Falls Church will be running from a T-formation with an unbalanced line which also shifts into single wing on occasion," the Wakefield coach explained, "so we ought to have our hands full this week, especially with their big fullback."